

veterans being recognized have received either the Silver Star or the distinguished Flying Cross and are residents of Allegheny County and other areas of Pennsylvania.

Each inductee has distinguished himself through gallantry and courage at the risk of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty. This nation values their service and has recognized these acts of heroism and bravery and those of other servicemen and women. Today, I would like to remember and acknowledge the extraordinary valor each inductee displayed in the name of freedom.

Induction in the Hall of Valor is one way we can bear witness to and acknowledge the service of each inductee. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for their sacrifice and dedication in the U.S. Armed Forces. All of the heroes we honor today—both those present and those who have gone before us—deserve the highest esteem and admiration. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in recognizing a few of our nation's veterans as they are inducted into the Hall of Valor at Soldiers' & Sailors' Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, PA.

In recognition of their actions, Joseph Burdis, Jr., Samuel L. Collier, James J. Fisher, James W. Regan, John A. Somma, William G. Stampahar, Leonard R. Tabish, and Arthur R. Kiefer, Jr. will be inducted in the Hall of Valor. The following veterans will be posthumously inducted: Richard Ascenzi, William John Beynon, Thomas J. Korenich, John Lipovsik, Jr., Joseph Anthony Papst, Michael J. Popko, and Sigmund J. Zelczak.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID VILLOTTI

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to David Villotti of Amherst, NH, on being nominated for the "Angels in Adoption" award. David has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of many children throughout New Hampshire.

David's mission is to provide care and support to the neediest children and families in New Hampshire. David has worked to reunite "his" children at the Nashua Children's Home to their biological families or, if necessary, have them placed in foster care or adopted into loving families. Some of these children have experienced a tremendous amount of emotional and physical trauma. David creates an environment that is safe for these children to grow while they await word on their family situation.

When David first began working at the Nashua Children's Home 15 years ago, there were 18 children in residence. Today there are 46. David and his staff continue to provide support to families while allowing children the environment that they need to grow and mature into well-adjusted teenagers and adults. I am proud to have nominated David for the "Angels in Adoption" award for the state of New Hampshire.

David, it is an honor to serve you in the U.S. Senate. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. May you always continue to inspire those around you.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. WENDELL WEART

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to commend a fellow New Mexican, Dr. Wendell Weart. He is a remarkable scientist, an international authority on radioactive waste management, and the Senior Fellow at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After his distinguished career, he is retiring in October. His outstanding abilities have been crucial to the success of the world's first deep geologic repository for radioactive waste. It is highly appropriate that we recognize his contributions to that project and to the nation.

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico began receiving defense-program radioactive wastes in 1999. The process that led to its opening was long and difficult, requiring the solution of innumerable technical and social problems. Although many people contributed to the solution of those problems, Dr. Weart's role was paramount throughout.

He led Sandia's technical support for the project from its beginnings in the early 1970s. In the early years his efforts were essential to the exploratory investigations and the final selection of the repository site. He then led the project through the conceptual design of the repository, through the formulation and implementation of the investigations that demonstrated the site's suitability, and through the arduous process of obtaining regulatory approvals. The rigorous scientific basis finally achieved for the repository was due in no small part to Dr. Weart's own scientific expertise and to his unmatched leadership.

At least as important as these highly technical contributions was Dr. Weart's ability to instill confidence among the scientific community and the public. His skill in explaining complex issues, his truthfulness in all controversies, and his tireless patience in dealing with questions and frustrations for more than twenty-five years—all were indispensable contributions to the project. Without the trust Dr. Weart engendered, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, though scientifically well grounded, might still have failed to obtain scientific, regulatory, and social approval.

The permanent disposal of radioactive wastes has proved intractable in many countries. Thanks largely to Wendell Weart, the United States now has an operating repository. Congress and the American taxpayers owe him our most sincere thanks and our best wishes.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 29, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon. That Mr. SKEEN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. LATHAM, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR, Mr. BOYD, and Mr. OBEY be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that during the recess of the Senate, on September 29, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 1295. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2829: A bill to provide for an investigation and audit at the Department of Education (Rept. No. 106-448).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1840: A bill to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes (Rept. No. 106-449).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2400: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Rept. No. 106-450).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 2757: A bill to provide for the transfer or other disposition of certain lands at Melrose

Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington (Rept. No. 106-451).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2872: A bill to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts (Rept. No. 106-452).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2873: A bill to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States (Rept. No. 106-453).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 2877: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon (Rept. No. 106-454).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2977: A bill to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles (Rept. No. 106-455).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 2885: A bill to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-456).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 2496: A bill to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (Rept. No. 106-457).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 3069: A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center in the District of Columbia (Rept. No. 106-458).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

H.R. 3292: A bill to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana (Rept. No. 106-459).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 4275: A bill to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-460).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 4286: A bill to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama (Rept. No. 106-461).

H.R. 4318: A bill to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge (Rept. No. 106-462).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 4579: A bill to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah (Rept. No. 106-463).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1460: A bill to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta In-

dian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to decrease the requisite blood quantum required for membership in the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe (Rept. No. 106-464).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals" (Rept. No. 106-465).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4002: A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to revise and improve provisions relating to famine prevention and freedom from hunger.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 3076: A bill to establish an undergraduate grant program of the Department of State to assist students of limited financial means from the United States to pursue studies abroad.

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3144: An original bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committee were submitted during the recess on Friday, September 29, 2000:

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Treaty Doc. 106-39 Treaty With Mexico on Delimitation of Continental Shelf (Exec. Report No. 106-19).

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved, (two thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf in the Western Gulf of Mexico Beyond 200 Nautical Miles, signed at Washington on June 9, 2000 (Treaty Doc. 106-39), subject to the declaration of subsection (a) and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding upon the President:

TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall not be included in the instrument of ratification to be signed by the President:

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—Nothing in this Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

Treaty Doc. 106-43 Protocol Amending the 1950 Consular Convention with Ireland (Exec. Report No. 106-20)

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved, (two thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the 1950 Consular Convention Between the United States of America and Ireland, signed at Washington on June 16, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 106-43), subject to the declaration of subsection (a) and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declaration, which shall be binding upon the President:

TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall not be included in the instrument of ratification to be signed by the President:

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—Nothing in this Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

Treaty Doc. 104-35 Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad (Exec. Report No. 106-21)

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved, (two thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad, done in Managua, Nicaragua, on June 9, 1993, signed on behalf of the United States at the Organization of American States Headquarters in Washington on January 10, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 104-35), subject to the conditions of subsections (a) and (b).

(a) The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following conditions, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification of the Convention:

(1) RESERVATION.—With respect to Article V, paragraph 7, the United States of America will require that whenever one of its nationals is to be returned to the United States, the sentencing state provide the United States with the documents specified in that paragraph in the English language, as well as the language of the sentencing state. The United States undertakes to furnish a translation of those documents into the language of the requesting state in like circumstances.

(2) UNDERSTANDING.—The United States of America understands that the consent requirements in Articles III, IV, V and VI are cumulative; that is, that each transfer of a sentenced person under this Convention shall require the concurrence of the sentencing state, the receiving state, and the prisoner, and that in the circumstances specified in Article V, paragraph 3, the approval of the state or province concerned shall also be required.

(b) The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following conditions, which are binding upon the President but not required to be included in the instrument of ratification of the Convention: